



WEST GRANTHAM

Church of England Secondary Academy

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP PROTOCOL VISITORS

When involving visitors in the leading of collective worship, it may be helpful to suggest that they:

- Understand that collective worship is intended to provide an opportunity to worship God
- Consider the various faith backgrounds of the academy community
- Understand that worship should be Christian, but it must also be suitable for all to participate
- Speak about their faith in terms that will help everyone know whose ideas are being shared eg, 'Christians believe', 'The Bible says', 'In our church', 'Jesus taught'
- Understand that some students and staff may have no religious background
- Think about the following when preparing and delivering
 - There will be some students with special needs present
 - Make any visuals large
 - Try to include something active that will engage students
 - Check songs carefully if you want to bring your own
 - Prepare questions carefully
 - Move on swiftly and kindly when given an inappropriate response
 - Remember time is limited
 - Ask beforehand if they require helpers
- Introduce prayers or a quiet moment for reflection in a way which does not compromise students or staff but encourages everyone to take part. Think about how to end this time as well as start it

Should not:

- Use sexist, racist, or homophobic language
- Be too controversial
- Speak negatively of other faiths
- Disparage education, the academy, or staff
- Wind students up and leave them there!